

Volunteers honoured with the Diamond Jubilee Medals



Recipients of the Diamond Jubilee Medals among friends and colleagues.
 From top left: Maria Braungart, Jim Tallman, Nicolas Lozovsky, Hon. John Yap, Manchan Sonachansingh, Omar Isley; From bottom left: Naomi Staddon, Shashi Assanand, Marian Dewitt, Dr. Cheryl Anderson, Adassa Brooks, Marguerite Egan
 (Photo: Ruxandra Fediuc)

Ten individuals with over 200 years' collective experience supporting the needs of immigrants, refugees and their families were honoured at this year's ISSofBC Volunteer Recognition event.

Receiving the commemorative Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on November 6th for their outstanding contributions to Canadian society were: Dr. Cheryl Anderson, Shashi Assanand, Adassa Brooks, Marian Dewitt, Marguerite Egan, John Halani, Omar Isley, Nicolas Lozovsky, Naomi Staddon and Jim Tallman.

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recognizes Canadians who have built and continue to build a caring Canadian society through their services, contributions and achievements.

ISSofBC CEO Patricia Woroch among other senior management also praised the organization's team of volunteers for their dedication and support to a wide range of projects and programs within ISSofBC. Each volunteer received recognition with a certificate for the hours spent volunteering.

In addition, guests of the event enjoyed an evening of music, food and a live performance by a traditional Chinese dancing group.

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Contest time at ISSofBC



This ISSofBC staff contest will take you to a bus shelter near you.

ISSofBC employees can participate in teams of 2-5

Staff Connect the Faces of ISSofBC



A mix of ISSofBC coworkers at the Tri-Cities and Maple Ridge meet and greet.
(Collage: Elsie Decena)

by Ewa Karczewska | Manager - Language College - ELSA
ISSofBC Tri-Cities and Maple Ridge Interdepartmental Committee organized the second Meet and Greet staff social and potluck event on October 30, 2012.

The event provided all staff working in Tri-Cities and Maple Ridge with the opportunity to share contacts, resources and information. At the moment, five ISSofBC programs are housed in three locations across Tri-Cities and Maple Ridge: Building Together - Settlement, Employment and Volunteer Stream Program, ELSA Program, Moving Ahead VIPP, Skills Connect and Job Options Programs.

It was great to see staff from different programs and learn more about all of the work each program is doing in the Tri-Cities and Maple Ridge, as well as learn about the efforts everyone puts to provide a more coordinated and integrated approach to our client services in the region.

New Westminister hosts ESL teaching strategies session

An ISSofBC ESL instructor effectively simulated the frustrations of ESL learners and opened wide the possibilities for information sharing between service providers during a recent New Westminister networking session.

Diana Jeffries, who facilitated the event on October 24, is an ELSA Literacy and Moving Ahead ESL Instructor at ISSofBC New Westminister, and teaches in ISSofBC's Teaching English to Children. In true learner-centered fashion, Diana led participants through a series of dynamic hands-on activities.

people. Locate "Untold Stories: History of Immigrants in Vancouver" exhibit advertisements on TransLink bus shelters in Vancouver and snap of photo of you and your team in front of the shelter using some creative genius like the example at the bottom of this newsletter.

The teams that find the most bus shelters accompanied with photos wins.

The contest runs November 5 to December 5. Prizes will be awarded at the staff Christmas party on December 7. Send the evidence via email to:

chris.stephenson@issbc.org

[click here](#) for a list of bus shelters near you and the contest rules.

ISSofBC launches new settlement program

Moving Ahead, which opened its doors October 1 in four ISSofBC locations in the Lower Mainland, focuses on assisting immigrant and refugee youth, adults, seniors and families with high-needs who face significant barriers to settlement.

The program achieves this through wrap-around support and services for clients including one-on-one and family services, peer support mentoring and social and emotional support groups.

A team of 19 staff run the Moving Ahead program in Tri-Cities/Maple Ridge, Burnaby/New Westminister, Richmond and Vancouver.

For more information on Moving Ahead contact: Program Manager Olivia Bornik

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Maple Ridge Open House

Feedback from the event was very positive, and included appreciation of “creative new ways to get clients involved,” and a chance to network with other local service providers.

Organizations that participated included Family Services of Greater Vancouver, Purpose Society, Century House for Seniors, School District #40, New Westminster Public Library and staff from ISSofBC’s Moving Ahead and BTSIP.



Diana Jeffries

Immigrant stories exhibit opens with festive evening at MOV



ISSofBC CEO Patricia Woroch and exhibit subject Tanniar Leba.

The gala opening of “Untold Stories: History of Immigrants in Vancouver” showcases ISSofBC’s dedication to supporting newcomers.

Well over 100 guests attended the October 17 opening of this multimedia exhibit in which the journeys of six immigrants are brought to life through video interviews, portraits and personal stories. The role that ISSofBC has played in the last 40 years in supporting newcomers to Canada is also highlighted.

Viviane Gosselin, MOV Curator of Contemporary Issues and Hon. John Yap, Minister of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism praised ISSofBC for its 40 years of dedication to supporting newcomers to Canada during a short program highlighting the exhibit and the ISSofBC 40th anniversary.

ISSofBC CEO Patricia Woroch also presented framed portraits to each of the six showcased in the exhibit as a token of appreciation of their participation.

The exhibit runs until January 6, 2013. Staff complementary tickets are now available through division managers.



ISSofBC opened a new location in the thriving downtown area of Maple Ridge in September 2011. In celebration of the new office you are invited to an Open House.

November 14—1 to 3pm
Formal Ceremony at 1:30pm
RSVP by November 14

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Evolving Geographies of Immigration in Vancouver History and Horizons

The impact of immigration on Vancouver is profound and extensive. Join ISSofBC's Kathy Sherrell, division manager of settlement services and other prominent movers and innovators such as Architect Gregory Henriquez, Vancouver City Councilor Geoff Meggs and Professor of Geography at UBC Daniel Hiebert for an evening of research, reflection and dialogue on November 28 at 6:30 pm at MOV. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served following.

To RSVP [click here](#)

Christmas Party



Jingle all the way to the ISSofBC staff Christmas party at the Holiday Inn on Friday, December 7 at 6:30 pm.

Meet Marshall Chen



IS and ELSA staff share a meal with the sole ISSofBC employee working in Kamloops.

From left to right: Claire Pinkett, Lisa Herrera, Frances Clarke, Camilla Dietrich, Marshall Chen, Caroline Pendleton, Nela Damjanovski, and Barbara Starkey.

International Studies and ELSA staff, who were in Kamloops for the TESL Canada Annual Conference in October, met with ISSofBC Kamloops staff member Marshall Chen and a small special guest—his baby—at the Beijing Restaurant in Kamloops mid October. Marshall, a case manager/facilitator at the Kamloops WorkBC Employment Services Centre, is the only ISSofBC staff working in the area.

Bus shelters get a new look



Shooting for vertical height, ISSofBC employees use some creative gusto at Commerical and 14th Avenue to fuel the staff contest. From left: Pat Lee, Kay Fabre and Chris Stephenson

Please RSVP by November 26.

VENUE: Holiday Inn
1110 Howe Street
Vancouver
COST: \$10 - Staff and Board
\$20 - Non-staff
(Inform Veronica - Terminal Office
Bahar - Drake Office)



Did you know?

November comes from the Latin word novem which means nine. It was originally the ninth month of the year in the Roman calendar which began with March. When

January and February were added to the Roman calendar, November became the eleventh month of the Gregorian calendar.

November is one of the four months that has thirty days.

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